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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	15657	Agenda Number	23.
Meeting Date:		6/7/2012			
Department:		Purchasing			
Subject					
Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with PENNSYLVANIA BREAKER, LLC., for the purchase of 145kV dead tank circuit breakers for use at Austin Energy substations in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,597,800, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$798,900 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,994,500.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$199,725 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining twenty-one months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:		Lowest bid received.			
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:		Gage Loots, Buyer II, 512-322-6118			
Boards and Commission Action:		Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.			
Related Items:		This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.			
MBE / WBE:		This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.			
Additional Backup Information					

This contract will provide Austin Energy (AE) with 145kV 40kA short circuit interrupt rating dead tank circuit breakers to be purchased on an as-needed basis. Circuit breakers are devices that can be opened to de-energize the transmission line or substation bus during construction, maintenance or fault conditions. As the primary protection mechanism, these devices are opened during fault conditions in order to limit the damaging effects of high current on substation equipment. In the event that the breaker cannot clear the fault, there are secondary protection mechanisms in place that activate; however, there is then a greater risk of a larger outage. Therefore, these circuit breakers are a critical element of a substation and overall electric reliability. AE will install the breakers at various AE substations; either as upgrades to existing equipment or as new installations.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GAL0033
145kV Dead Tank Circuit Breakers
(6 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u> □ <u>12 months*</u>
Pennsylvania Breaker, LLC. Canonsburg, PA	\$798,900.00
ABB, Inc. Mount Pleasant, PA	\$829,125.00
HVB AE Power Systems, Inc. Suwanee, GA	\$947,592.00
Stuart C. Irby Co. Austin, TX	\$1,122,824.00
ALSTOM Grid, Inc. Charleroi, PA	**
Siemens Energy, Inc. Richland, MS	**

* This total bid amount is for line items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3, 4 & 5. The City has chosen not to award the remaining three line items due to bids being much higher than budgeted so the specifications are being re-evaluated and will be rebid at a later date.

** Non-responsive due to exceptions to the City's commercial terms & conditions.

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred seventeen notices were sent, including two MBEs and three WBEs. Six bids were received, with no response from the MBE /WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 2.1% decrease to the last contract award made October 2007.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid. Pennsylvania Breaker, LLC. is not the current provider of these goods.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.